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Column One By David Courtney

FROM Greenland's icy mountains to India's coral shores we are all, like it or not, subjects of the strange, great fabulously rich United States; less in the colonial sense than in the poor relation sense. Outside, the world is hard and cold, with Mr. Stalin at every street corner as ready to knock us over the head as to bestial us into following him. Inside the U.S. mansion, if we are good-mannered, there is a square meal, a bed and a sense of security.

THERE are two sides to every question and two sides to the U.S. dollar. One is a generous, sensible side. Even when General Bradley, Chief of the Combined General Staff, spins it, it still has a generous side which ever way it falls. The program of \$23.5 million for economic aid to Indochina, which was announced on Tuesday, is the coin as Dr. Jessup and Mr. Acheson spin it. It will bring in rice and cotton, and sow fields, and re-stock some of the implement sheds in those parts of Indochina which are still subject to the rule of France. The General Staff and those who think Dr. Jessup and Mr. Acheson to be no better than slaves of Joe Stalin, are concerned with the other side of the coin. As for Indochina, that may be another matter. It may be too late to change its course by the spin of a dollar.

AT one time the State Department believed that the thing to do was to draw a strategic line, and dare Russians to go beyond it. It is now the theory that the Russians do not go beyond drawn lines anyway. They wait for the line to be erased by disaster and poverty. The thing to do then, in Dr. Jessup's and Mr. Acheson's view, is to counter disorder and poverty with rice and cotton goods and ploughs. That would be all right if it were not that the European sphere has been more or less frozen and that the Soviet, with China at its side, has decided that Asia is the weak spot in the global armour of the West. Disorder and poverty have gone so far in the Asian countries that \$23.5 million may not be anything like enough, even with the appropriations for military aid to the French, or to Bao Dai, to redraw the line. For the Indochina conflict is not a local brawl. It is, looked at within the terms of the "cold war," an attack upon the key Asian frontier, beyond which lie Singapore, Manila and the Indies. Mr. Acheson and Dr. Jessup and even the President, have had to recognize this unpleasant fact. It has muddled them a trifle. They would probably agree with the current issue of "Time" magazine, which devotes its feature article to the Emperor Bao Dai and to an assessment of what Indochina means to America. "The alliance (with the French and Bao Dai) is as ironic as anything in his history. For the same United States Government which abandoned the Chinese Nationalists because they were not good enough was committed... to defend a playboy emperor and the worst and almost the last example of the white man's armed imperialism in Asia."

THAT is the Republican view of the business: too late, and too little, and not far short of immoral. What the Republicans want, of course, is that Mr. Acheson should go, taking Dr. Jessup with him, and that, side by side with a still stronger policy of military intervention in Indochina, there should be a return to direct substantial aid for Formosa.

HOW much of all these various aid programmes is too late and too little? And too late to poor relations who waste it when they get it? The sums are gigantic. There is a lot of goodwill and good hope behind them, as well as a great deal of middle and negative. But think what purpose all this wealth could serve if it were distributed in an atmosphere of world agreement and in accordance with the real world needs. Perhaps it could be, it would not be. Perhaps nations have to be terrified even into generosity.

Yet Aviv, June 6

Solei Boneh Head Asks Law to End Waste of Goods

Mr. David Jacobson (Mapai), who as head of Solei Boneh, the Histadrut's Contracting Office, has been the object of much of the Opposition's criticism of the Government's economic policy, himself lashed out at the administration yesterday at the continuation of the Knesset budget debate. His charges were mainly that there was waste and duplication. Because of his long and close personal association with the organization of Israel's economy, and his constructive approach, Mr. Jacobson patiently held the attention of the House which had previously shown signs of drifting of the long drawn out debate.

The speaker complained that no organization had been founded to exploit waste materials. Why, he asked, was there no foundry to utilize the thousands of tons of scrap metal in the country? Atkin settlement, he continued, was burning the shavings from their plywood factory. This material could be used to make building materials and insulating boards, for which hundreds of thousands of dollars were being spent. Mr. Jacobson advocated enactment of legislation to prevent the destruction of much material. The shavings are not property of Atkin, he said. They were taken into account in fixing the calculations of the price of plywood.

Mr. Jacobson further complained that not enough had been done to promote a glass container industry to save foreign exchange on tin. He advocated that most of the development budget should be appropriated for industrial enterprises.

No Favouritism
The Solei Boneh head refuted charges that his firm had received favoured treatment from the Government. He said that private enterprises received more than his share of Export-Import Bank loan funds, and of licences for imports. He would welcome an investigation by a neutral committee, he said.

Turning to the administration, he called for retrenchment and for the elimination of duplication. On his Knesset session, he related, he had given a lift to a young man who was receiving an agricultural training. The man said that he was being taught to use a tractor by four instructors: one sent by the Government, one by the Dry Farming Workers' organization and one by the Ministry of Agriculture. He was not advocating dismissals, he said, but that personnel should be used more rationally.

Arab Production Cheaper
Turning to the Arab members who had yesterday complained that fullness were being compelled to sell their produce for less than the market price, Mr. Jacobson said this was justified because Arab production methods were primitive. He pointed out that the Arab farmers were not being allowed to use modern machinery, and that the Government was not providing them with the necessary capital. He said that the Government was not doing enough to help the Arab farmers to improve their methods of production.

Horowitz to U.K. For Oil Talks
TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — Mr. D. Horowitz, Economic Adviser to the Government and Director-General of the Ministry of Finance, is leaving for Britain by Air France tomorrow morning, for talks with the British Government. He will be accompanied by Mr. Y. Kozlov, Fuel Expert of the Ministry of Finance. Mr. Horowitz will call at Paris on his way to London. Mr. Horowitz tonight declined to reveal any details of his mission, but it is presumed, in view of Mr. Kozlov's presence, that oil matters will be discussed.

After Midnight
The U.S. Senate yesterday approved a resolution which authorized the dispatch of a U.S. military mission to the Middle East to study the situation in the region. The resolution was passed by a vote of 78 to 18.

Polish-German Frontier Talks

WARSAW, Wednesday (AP). — A declaration by the Governments of Poland and East Germany today states that both have decided to undertake "frontier delimitation" within one month.

An official communiqué issued simultaneously announces an agreement between them on the following points:

1. The steps to be taken to maintain peace.
2. Delineation of the existing Oder-Neisse frontier.
3. The strengthening of economic relations between both countries.
4. A goods exchange for this year the value of which has been increased by 60 per cent over last year.
5. A Polish credit of an undisclosed amount to East Germany to facilitate trade.
6. A pact for technical and scientific cooperation.
7. A pact regulating financial transactions between both parties.
8. The opening of talks next September for a long term trade agreement.

The communiqué also declares that an agreement providing for cultural cooperation has been signed with another providing for the exchange of information on schooling and physical culture. The frontier delimitation according to the joint declaration will provide for the control of movements of both nationals and navigable rights on frontier waters.

Cabinet Discusses Export Premiums

New ways of cutting down the gap between exports and imports were agreed by the Cabinet when it discussed currency questions at its weekly meeting in Jerusalem yesterday. It is proposed to impose export quotas on industrial enterprises, grant export premiums, and increase the control of transport.

The Cabinet also decided to grant substantial loans for the building of new hotels. The report of the Investigation Committee into religious education in the immigrant camps was discussed and the Cabinet decided to accept the entire report. Two camp workers, Mr. Y. A. Aldema and Miss Zipporah Zahavi, had already been dismissed by the Minister of Education before the committee completed its investigations, the Cabinet announced.

Mr. Nahum Levin, Director of the Department for the Cultural Absorption of Immigrants, has tendered his resignation to the Minister of Education, and it has been accepted, the Cabinet announced.

The Cabinet has asked the Minister of Justice to present certain new proposals based on the findings of the Committee.

Turkey Called Centre For U.S. Narcotics
WASHINGTON, Wednesday. — Turkey was alleged yesterday to be the chief source of supply of a multi-million dollar traffic in narcotics in the U.S.

A powerful gang with "tremendous influence" was said to be directing narcotics in America.

Constellations Released to El Al

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — The acquittal yesterday in Florida of two men accused of transporting aircraft to Israel has cleared the way for the acquisition by El Al, Israel's National Airline, of three Constellation four-engine aircraft.

The company is sending four mechanics to learn maintenance on this type of aircraft, and will send crews to ferry the planes to Israel when they are ready. The acquitted men, Mr. L. Schwimmer and Mr. L. Gardner, who were instrumental in buying the planes for the Jewish Agency two years ago, are now free to continue in their work of preparing the aircraft for El Al. Their acquittal has also helped clarify the status of the planes, since they were seized by

U.S., Britain Reject Border Agreement

FRANKFURT, Wednesday (AP). — American High Commissioner John J. McCloy said today that the U.S. does not recognize the East German-Polish agreement setting Germany's eastern border on the Oder-Neisse line.

Mr. McCloy declared that the final settlement of Germany's new post-war border with Poland can be made only in the peace treaty.

East Germany Cannot Cede Territory
LONDON, Wednesday (UP). — Britain will not recognize a Polish-East German agreement on the Oder-Neisse as the permanent German border, the Foreign Office spokesman said today.

He said: "Eastern Germany is in no way qualified to cede this or any other territory. Britain has received no notification of the move and does not intend to take any note of this agreement, a spokesman said."

Turkey Appoints New Chief of Staff
ANKARA, Wednesday (Reuters). — Turkey yesterday changed her Chief of General Staff, appointing General Buri Yamut in place of Abdurrahman Nafiz Gurnus.

Samed Agoglu was appointed Vice Premier and Minister of State, the most important post after the premiership but left unaltered since Premier Adnan Menderes formed his Democrat Party government last month.

Usually well-informed sources linked the change with the government's decision to economize on the national budget, 40 per cent of which has hitherto gone on defence.

The cabinet was said to believe it can economize on defence without hurting efficiency. A possible example might be the reduction of conscript service from three to two years. It was thought General Gurnus felt unable to carry out such a policy.

Asia Not on 'Outer Fringes' — Nehru

JAKARTA, Wednesday (AP). — Prime Minister Pandit Nehru of India, who arrived in Indonesia on an official visit today, told the Indonesian Parliament that Asia can no longer be ignored as being "on the fringes of the world."

The Prime Minister said: "The tendency in the past has been rather to ignore Asia as the outer fringes of the world. This fact no longer exists. If people do not realize this now, they will realize it soon enough."

In his 15-minute address he added that "Asia today is becoming, perhaps, the most important centre of the various forces at play and in conflict and it may be that much will depend on the interaction of these forces."

American federal authorities soon after their purchase, and were not fully released until recently.

The present acquittal was of the charge of sending three Flying Fortress four-engine bombers to Israel, and attempting to send four Havoc attack bombers, two years ago. The same accused were found guilty a few months ago in a similar trial in California, but in connection with a different group of aeroplanes including the three Constellations. They and another accused were fined \$10,000 each. It is learned that El Al will shortly make a number of trial flights to South Africa in preparation for contemplated scheduled flights. Negotiations are now under way. It is understood, for landing rights at Khartoum in the Sudan.

New Israel Bid For American Arms Reported

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (UP). — An informed Government source today said that Israel had applied for permission to buy an unspecified amount of small arms in the U.S. since the recent three-power arms declaration. The request will be treated in the same manner as earlier requests for arms authorizations, he added.

If the State Department considered the items of no appreciable military importance, the Department itself can approve the shipment, he said. But if the arms sought are of a heavy variety, the request will go to an inter-departmental committee for a final decision.

Needs Considered
It was wrong to think of Israel's arms requests as representing a major diplomatic action, he said. The U.S. is constantly receiving requests from various friendly nations for permission to buy arms. In the case of Israel or the Arab states such requests are weighed in the light of the specific nation's defence needs.

He declined to say how much arms had been shipped to Israel or the Arab states this year other than to say that the amount was "relatively small."

Arabs May Ask Big 3 For Arms Guarantee

BAGHDAD, Wednesday (Reuters). — The Arab states are shortly to ask Britain, France and the U.S. for a guarantee that they will impose sanctions on any aggressor using arms supplied to them against another Middle Eastern country, according to observers here.

Official quarters said that the recent Three-Power declaration on the supply of arms to the Middle East, subject to assurances they would not be used for aggression, did not affect the existing Anglo-Iraqi arms treaty under which Britain supplied arms for Iraq.

Egypt and Jordan had similar treaty agreements, they said.

They interpreted the new declaration as providing not only for the arming of the Arab states, but for the building up of a large force in Israel.

Egypt Press Says Slim Accomplished Little

CAIRO, Wednesday (Reuters). — The Egyptian press said today that the talks between Field Marshal Sir William Slim, chief of the British Imperial General Staff, and Egyptian military and political leaders had accomplished "little or nothing."

The Wafdist government's "Al Misi" said Premier Nassef Pasha had "rejected one by one British plans to solve the Anglo-Egyptian differences."

Field Marshal Slim left Cairo last night after a four-day visit to discuss Middle East defence.

British Admiral To Visit Israel

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — Admiral Sir John Jellicoe, KCB, CBE, Commander in Chief of the British Mediterranean Fleet, will pay a courtesy visit to the Government of Israel on June 26 and 27, it was officially announced today. Sir John, who assumed command on May 14, 1949, will visit Israel in the course of his first cruise of the Eastern Mediterranean.

It is understood that he will arrive in the yacht H.M.S. Surprise. Such courtesy visits to countries bordering on the Mediterranean shores, it is learned, are usually paid by newly-appointed Commanders in Chief upon taking up their new posts.

Anthony Eden Sues for Divorce
LONDON, Wednesday (AP). — Mr. Anthony Eden, former Foreign Minister of Britain and now member of the Conservative Party, is suing his wife for divorce. It was set for hearing tomorrow forenoon by Justice Sir Francis Hodson. The case is un-defended and the grounds were not listed.

Acheson Calls Russian Boycott Of U.N. 'Attempt at Coercion'

Big 4 Lukewarm On Lie's Programme

LAKE SUCCESS, Wednesday. — Mr. Trygve Lie yesterday cautioned the world that the issue of Chinese representation in the U.N. must be settled before progress on the overall issue of peace in the cold war and the dissolution of the East-West impasse in the U.N. could be achieved.

In a 2,000-word memorandum to each of the 59 nations of the U.N., he set forth the specific details of his "ten points for peace" which he had delivered to Mr. Truman, Marshal Stalin and leaders of Britain and France during his recent five-week peace mission. At the same time he explained his peace programme in a broadcast which was transcribed into 28 languages.

Mr. Lie said that, from his conversations in the world's capitals, he had gathered "the firm conviction that the U.N. remains the primary factor in the foreign policy of each of those governments and that the reopening of genuine negotiations on certain outstanding issues may be possible."

The 10-point programme was understood to have received lukewarm reception among the British, American, French and Russian Governments.

Case to Members

Sources close to Mr. Lie said that, faced with this dilemma he had decided to place the entire case before the U.N. membership and to let them decide the issue.

A precedent for this, these sources stated, was the case of the Atomic Energy Commission in 1948. At that time the great powers were prepared to kill the Commission whereas the General Assembly, reflecting the numerous smaller powers, voted to keep it partially alive.

(UP, Reuters)

Catholic Leader To Form Belgian Govt.

BRUSSELS, Wednesday (UP). — Prince Regent Charles today asked Mr. Jean Duvelvialt, an ardent supporter of King Leopold and acting Economic Affairs Minister, to form a new Belgian Government.

Mr. Duvelvialt accepted the mandate and was expected to have an all-Catholic Cabinet, pledged to bring Leopold back to his throne, ready for the Regent's approval tomorrow.

No compromise negotiations with other Parties are contemplated until Parliament rescinds the 1945 law which barred Mr. King from his throne, Catholic sources said.

8 Dead, 20 Missing In Air Crash

MIAMI, Wednesday (Reuters). — At least eight Puerto Rican migrant farm workers were drowned and 20 were missing yesterday after a C-46 twin-engine transport plane crashed in the shark-infested waters of the Gulf Stream 450 km. north-northeast of here.

Of the aircraft's 62 passengers — all bound from San Juan to Wilmington, North Carolina, to help harvest crops — 34 passengers and the plane's three crewmen were picked up from life rafts shortly after dawn today by the U.S. destroyer, Saufley. Later eight bodies were recovered. Little hope was held that the remaining 20 occupants would be found alive. The pilot, Joseph Halsey, of Seattle, said "many sharks were in the vicinity of the life rafts."

Says U.S. Will Accept Majority Decision on Chinese Delegates

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (UP). — Secretary of State Dean Acheson today said that the refusal of the Soviet Union to accept a majority decision on the question of Chinese representation in the U.N. constituted a "boycott of the U.N. and an unwarranted attempt at coercion."

Referring to Mr. Trygve Lie's report on his European tour, Mr. Acheson said: "The Secretary General states that no significant progress can be made while the members of the U.N. remain divided on the question of Chinese representation. I have made our position clear on this question many times. 'We will accept the decision of any organ of the U.N. made by a necessary majority, and we will not walk out. We do not think the veto applies to the Security Council, and we believe that each nation must decide for itself how it is going to vote on the question.'

"The present situation in the U.N. does not arise from the refusal of the Soviet Union to accept decisions taken by a parliamentary majority in the various organs of the U.N."

U.N. Chief's Ten Points for Peace

LAKE SUCCESS, Wednesday (Reuters). — The "ten points for peace" which Mr. Trygve Lie presented to all the members of the U.N. yesterday, were virtually the same as those which Mr. Lie made to the U.S., Britain, France and the Soviet Union in his recent tour. They were:

1. Periodic, or special meetings of the Security Council to be attended by foreign ministers from the Big Powers.
2. New meetings of the Atomic Energy Commission to re-examine the two-year-old deadlock on international control.
3. New meetings of the Commission on Conventional Armaments, which came to a dead halt on the question of reducing non-atomic armaments of the Big Powers.
4. An attempt to re-start the Military Staff Committee, whose task is to set up an international police force.
5. Admission of all 14 candidates for membership in the U.N., those sponsored by the West or by Russia.
6. More support for the U.N. programme of aid to underdeveloped areas.
7. Support for the specialized agencies, such as the World Health Organization and the Food and Agricultural Organization.
8. Stronger action in enforcing the Declaration of Human Rights.
9. More active support of the Trusteeship Council's efforts to aid dependent peoples.
10. New efforts to write out a code of international law.

MacArthur Bans 17 Communist Editors

TOKYO, Wednesday (UP). — General Douglas MacArthur today banned from all party activities 17 editors of the Communist Party paper "Akahatu." The move was in retaliation for their nationwide strike call protesting his purge of the Party's top leaders.

There was speculation that General MacArthur may order the Russian delegates to the Allied Control Council here to leave Japan if they continue to boycott Council meetings.

American sources claimed that Kyukhi Touda, the Communist Party leader, had gone into hiding today to direct Party activities illegally.

Discussing the elections, Touda said that despite the efforts of Japanese reactionaries and machinations at the polls, the Communist Party had retained its three places in the House of Councilors.

The message said the Japanese police had created an environment of terror "threatening of a state of siege" in connection with the elections.

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CONSIDERABLE discussion has been going on recently in orthodox circles regarding the position of Jewish religious law in the general life of the secular Israel, and AIMS OF THE SECULAR ORTHODOX come may affect every man, woman and child in Israel, there is good reason for the growing public interest in what is actually planned. In some ways the controversy being aroused is more serious in its implications, and of greater importance to the ultimate form of life in Israel, even than the political or economic differences which beset this country.

At present Israel enjoys two systems of courts—secular and Rabbinical. The latter exercise exclusive jurisdiction in four matters of personal status: marriage, divorce, alimony and the confirmation of wills, but only if both parties hold Israel citizenship and belong to the Jewish community. In other matters of personal status, such as succession, maintenance, legitimation or adoption, the Rabbinical courts have "concurrent" jurisdiction, that is, if both parties agree then these courts instead of the ordinary courts may hear the case.

It is no secret that it is the wish of the orthodox groups to extend the powers of the Rabbinical courts. The drafts of laws are being prepared under which every matter of personal status would be completely removed from the competence of the civil courts, for all Jews, whatever their attitude in religious matters or their citizenship. The more extreme elements would go even further. In their desire to make the religious law a secular power in the land, they wish to place even such matters as contract law and company law within the concurrent jurisdiction of the religious courts, so that if the parties to the dispute agree, the religious courts would adjudicate in civil matters also. The logical next step after this would be the exclusive jurisdiction of the Rabbinical courts in civil matters.

It is not irrelevant to the issue thus being raised to point out that in Jewish religious law women, apart from other disabilities from which they suffer, cannot appear as witnesses, though the court may hear them if it wishes. There was a parallel to this in the Turkish code, the Mejliah, inherited by Palestine from Turkish times and most of it sensibly abolished by the Mandatory regime, according to which women may not appear as witnesses unless no other witnesses come forward, in which case the testimony of two women has the same weight as that of one man. All of these trends are retrogressive rather than progressive. If they gather momentum despite the fact that the orthodox are in a minority, it will be because this minority is single-minded in its desire for the enforced application of religious precepts to every-day life, while the non-orthodox majority do not allow this problem to trouble them greatly.

EUROPE'S BEST ARMY Swiss Strategy Bolsters West

ZURICH—The biggest and best-equipped army in Western Europe today is the Swiss. Within 48 hours tiny, neutral Switzerland could put on a war footing 16 to 17 divisions. No other country of Western Europe could do as much and match the Swiss either in quality of armament or in training.

The French have, at most, seven divisions now scattered over France, North Africa, Germany and Austria; the bulk of their forces are half-way round the world, bogged down in Indochina. The Italians have eight or nine divisions but their equipment is obsolete and almost of no account. The British have no divisions on the continent, and at home. The United States, incidentally, has a total ground force of perhaps eleven divisions.

Armed Neutrality
This weird paradox indicates the tremendous effort the Atlantic Pact nations will have to make if the alliance is to be more than just something on paper. It also attests to the preparedness of the Swiss and their vital role (despite neutrality) in the defence of Europe.

The basis of Swiss foreign policy has been, for generations, armed neutrality and the avoidance of entangling alliances which might drag the little country into war. This has not changed. But what has changed is the Swiss strategy of defence. In recent months the Swiss high command has revised its strategy to a degree which should be of intense interest to the planners of Western defence.

The Chief of the Swiss Military Department (equivalent to Defence Minister), Karl Kobelt, recently revealed that in the event of war the Army will defend Switzerland's independence on the Swiss Plateau.

By RICHARD MOWBRAY

This is a sensational departure from the traditional defence plan which was to abandon the Plateau and withdraw to the famous "Redoubt," an extensive fortified area in the high Alps. Now the "Redoubt" scheme is relegated to second place; the main battle is to be fought on the comparatively flat (for Switzerland) and vulnerable Plateau, the country's richest and most populated region. Withdrawal to the "Redoubt" would be only a last resort.

The importance of this decision to the Atlantic Pact countries lies in the fact that the Swiss Plateau is a broad east-west corridor between the Alps to the south and the beginning of the Rhine to the north. It is a tempting passage-way for any army from the East wishing to invade central France and thrust through to the Pyrenees. In the First World War the Germans might have used it as an alternative to the northern invasion route through Belgium. In the Second World War the Germans made successful use of the northern route again and Switzerland was spared invasion. But in a Third World War the same problem would confront an army from the East: whether to strike north of the Rhine barrier, or south of it through the Swiss Plateau.

Plugging the Plateau
If Hitler, and before him Kaiser Wilhelm, had invaded France by way of the Swiss Plateau they would not have had much opposition to contend with since the Swiss defence plan was to withdraw to the "Redoubt" and put up its toughest resistance there. But in a Third World War the set-up would be different. An army trying to jab through the east-west passage would find the Swiss Army blocking the way, determined to stick and hold and fight its biggest battle on the Plateau. This means that in the event of a Russian invasion of Western Europe the Atlantic Pact nations can count on the Swiss plugging the Plateau gap instead of pulling back to the

Superior Equipment
In line with its new defence strategy Switzerland is reorganizing the army. Defending the Plateau calls for more mobility and suppleness than would be required in a static defence hinged on the "Redoubt." Armour and firepower are being increased. The army must be capable of hard-hitting counter-attack.

Swiss armament is at least equal in quality to that of the Western powers. Some of it is probably superior. The Swiss are supposed to have developed a bazooka projectile which will pierce the finest armour-plate at 300 metres. They are known to have developed a very fine rapid-fire machinegun. Their defence against air attack includes jet fighters and rockets. And the Swiss have their atomic research commission.

The problem of finding adequate artillery ranges in the small country is a constant headache for the military. Whenever they find a suitable site the local population rises up in protest; the noise will drive the tourists away, or the noise will drive the watch-makers crazy. Recently France offered to let the Swiss test their weapons on French territory but, ever mindful of their neutral ally, the Swiss declined.

KEEPING POSTED
We had occasion not long ago to refer to a man who went to sleep at a concert, and we now understand that this is a much more common practice than we thought. A distinguished visitor from abroad, for instance, admits to the following harrowing experience: at a concert of modern music in Tel Aviv he dropped off, sleeping soundly for a while in the front row of the balcony. Suddenly he was awakened by a great roar of noise, and opened his eyes to see the conductor point his baton at him, and the entire audience swivelled round in their seats to stare and clap.

The explanation was not simply—as one might think—that it was a nightmare, but that the composer of the last work played happened to be sitting next to him. On the other hand, a triumphant young man who could not get a ticket for the Heifetz concert in Jerusalem tells us that he and a friend joined the crowd outside the Edison just to see what was doing in his ill-humour at not being able to get in. He made a cutting remark to the effect that if some of the people who only went to show off their pearls would stay away there might be room for those who wanted to hear the music. To his amazement one of two men escorting a well-dressed woman clapped him on the shoulder, said "Quite right. Much better that you should listen than that I should go to sleep," handed over his ticket and disappeared with a look of relief on his face.

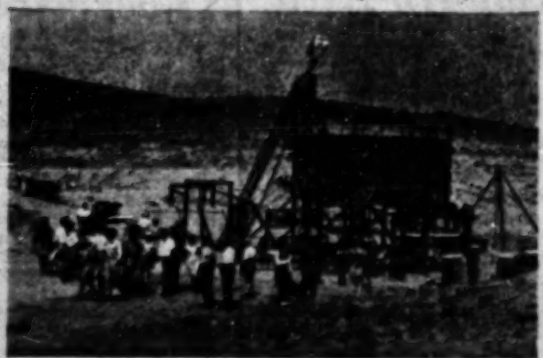
HAIFA housewives have not taken too well to their water shortage, a specialty they feel should be reserved for Jerusalem, where people are used to it. What annoys them particularly is that while there is no response from their own wide-open taps, their children hurry off to the Municipality's beautiful lawn. There, among the graceful and

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The Lime and Stone Production Co. has opened a rock-crushing quarry south of Beersheba with a capacity of 210 cubic metres per day. It will provide work for 10 families and it is hoped to start a work village nearby. Photo by Meyer

Readers' Letters

HISTADRUT DOCTORS

The Editor, The Jerusalem Post
Sir,—The Histadrut is taking disciplinary action against those of its members who, as members of the Medical Association, took part in the recent warning strike called by the latter in connection with its grievances over the Government's grading scheme for doctors in Government service.

We consider this to be an undemocratic act on the part of the Histadrut. The Medical Association has always represented the professional interests of its members. If the Histadrut wishes the Medical Association to transfer these functions to it, it should use the democratic way of persuading a majority of the members of the Association to vote for the change. The Association objects to the use of pressure against its members.

Yours, etc.,
ISRAEL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
Jerusalem, June 6.

GERMAN RESTITUTION

The Editor, The Jerusalem Post
Sir,—I have read with a shock of proposals to restore German property in Israel to its erstwhile owners. Others suggest that we hand over German churches to the same denominations of other nationalities.

Five years after the liberation, Jews who were lucky

enough to have escaped the murder camps, have not only not received reparations for their sufferings but have not yet had returned to them their own plundered property. We should keep and use German property until full reparations have been paid to the victims of the Germans.

Yours, etc.,
"A former German Concentration Camp inmate"
Beit Lidd, April 27.

WAR CRIMINALS

The Editor, The Jerusalem Post
Sir,—We noted with regret the name of Ernest Dohnanyi on the programme of the next concert of the Jerusalem Quartet.

We sincerely hope that leaders of this excellent quartet do not know the life-story of Dohnanyi, as this could be the only reason for such a choice.

Dohnanyi was a Nazi. In 1944 he joined the Hungarian Arrowcross (Nazi) Party, and took an active part in the "de-judification" of the Hungarian musical life. He sent Jews to concentration camps, Jews to the death of Dohnanyi, as this could be the only reason for such a choice.

Yours, etc.,
PAUL HASLANYE
Jerusalem, June 5.

POSTAL SERVICE

The Editor, The Jerusalem Post
Sir,—I live in Kfar Ata about 25 minutes from the Post Office, a place with more than 100 houses where new immigrants live. I have to walk every day for my post although I and my correspondents are paying honestly the value of the stamps on our letters, as everybody else. Could not somebody from the Post Office deliver the letters, as is done everywhere all over the world?

Yours, etc.,
LEON D. HADJEM
Kfar Ata.

The Editor, The Jerusalem Post
Sir,—Because of lack of budget, it was impossible to carry out up till now, the delivery of letters to the new quarters in the Kfar Ata area. We are making endeavours to solve the problem of the delivery of letters, and with the enlargement of the establishment of the P.O. workers in Kfar Ata, the inhabitants of the new shikunim will be satisfied.

Yours, etc.,
ZVI PRIHAR
Postmaster General
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ISRAEL'S "INVISIBLE" TOURISTS The Sailor's Guide

By MICHAEL J. KERNEN

THE other night I overheard a conversation between two sailors, walking aimlessly through the streets of Haifa. "Listen Joe," said one of them, "we'd better go back to the ship. There's nothing to be done in this town." "Yeah," replied his companion, "we've hit some port..." "I hope we leave tomorrow," said the first. This conversation brought me to the Statistical Department of the Port Authorities, where I found some significant figures. Between October, 1949 and March, 1950, 670 ships anchored in Haifa's harbour, with an estimated 35,000 sailors on board. These are the "invisible" tourists whose number becomes more impressive when compared with the 3,756 tourists who arrived during the same period.

It is surprising, therefore, that the authorities are neither tapping this source of foreign currency, nor using the opportunity of publicizing and spreading all over the world, through these sailors, a true picture of Israel. Thousands of these sailors do not know that Haifa is not just Kingsway. Neither posters nor any other means of information are put at their disposal to direct them to places worth seeing.

Problem Attacked

Only one man, it seems, has gone to the root of this problem up to now. He is the Reverend Per Faye Hansen. A Norwegian farmer, Rev. Hansen studied the Bible until late in the night after he returned from his day's work in the fields. "I found in this ancient book beauty and truth; so I learned Hebrew and read the Tanach where I first met the people of Israel," he said. To live and work for Israel in the land of the Bible, became his greatest wish.

Too poor to afford the travel expenses to the Holy Land, he became a tourist guide for some Scandinavian travellers and arrived in Israel in 1938. So profound were his impressions, so deep was his conviction that the letter of the Bible and

God's promise to His people would come true, that he returned to Norway and began to organize the now well-known "Carmel Institute" whose motto is "For the Bible and Israel." He organized a pilgrimage to Israel from the Scandinavian countries which had to be cancelled as war broke out.

Rev. Hansen, after helping many Norwegian Jews to escape the Nazis, himself fled to Sweden. He returned to Israel in 1946, where he gathered material used afterwards in his 3,000 speeches all over Scandinavian countries, before thousands of Gentiles and Jews, in churches and synagogues, in order to extend the spiritual contact between Israel and Scandinavia, which is another of the Carmel Institute's aims. Today we have friends everywhere, and we feel it a privilege to be here, when God is fulfilling his promise to Israel," he said.

"Seamen's Church"

Under the auspices of the "Seamen's Church" in Haifa, which is the only one of its kind in the Middle East, Rev. Hansen continues his work. Whenever a ship with Scandinavian sailors anchors in Haifa port, he boards it, distributes pamphlets about Israel, with pictures and articles about its life. He takes the sailors on tours to Nazareth, the Jezreel Valley or Galilee, explains the difference between a kibbutz and a moshav, brings them to the picturesque spots at Tiberias, and, when back in Haifa, shows them newsreels on Israel life, or teaches them Hebrew in one of the Scandinavian languages. "My sailors go away with a positive picture of Israel, and once back home, they unconsciously become emissaries 'For the Bible and Israel,'" he has said.

Rev. Hansen, however, can deal only with the Scandinavian sailors who arrive in Israel. It is time somebody took care of the other "invisible tourists" aboard the ships calling at Haifa port.

New Big 5 Made in Britain

By DENIS PLIMMER

LONDON (ONA)—NECESSITY is not only the mother of invention—in Britain it is the mother of five mushrooming industries whose former pygmy proportions are growing giant-like. This was revealed to this correspondent by the Ministry of Supply in an exclusive report on the growth of Britain's washing-machine, horological, movie equipment, office machinery and earth-moving machinery industries.

Most interesting of the post-war industries is that turning out British clocks and watches. Back in the 18th century, Britain led the world—even Switzerland—in this field. But in the ensuing 200 years, the trade was allowed to die so that by 1914 watchmaking was virtually extinct here and by 1935 even clockmaking employed only 4,000 workers who produced a total of a million clocks annually.

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